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Ms. Susan Marsh
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Dear Ms. Marsh:

In response to your letter of 28 April 1973, we have three minor comments on your attractive short review of our general reference map series:

- Thirty maps per year is very iffy because of factors peculiar to government and to the publishing business. It would be safer to say, "at the present rate of 25 or more a year."
- Not all maps will be accompanied by inset maps treating each of the subjects you list. "Ethno-linguistic groups", for example, will not appear with the map of West Germany. On the other hand, some maps will be accompanied by more inset maps than those listed. You might want to say: "...for they show on separate maps such special subjects as population density,"
- Neither we nor GPO can predict what maps will be listed by the end of 1973. Neither can ^{we} affirm that all political entities will ultimately be published. You might therefore want to modify the last part of paragraph 3 to read something like: "...in the 25 released so far, keep trying. Available as of 9 May 1973 were:...." (see attached list).


So far as maps released subsequent to the initial group are concerned, I must refer you to GPO. I'm sure they can arrange automatic

distribution; alternatively, of course, you can review the maps as they come to the University of Denver depository and order the particular ones you want.

Thanks again for your interest. Sorry there is nothing yet on Zaire.

Sincerely,

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9 May 1973 Listing,
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